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SUBJ: LEE KUAN YEW'S VISIT

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1. DURING CHARGE'S CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN JANUARY 22, CHATCHAI VOLUNTEERED A THUMBNAIL DESCRIPTION OF LEE KUAN YEW'S VISIT TO BANGKOK, JANUARY 19, 21, 1976.

2. CHATCHAI SAID DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN CONFINED TO FORTHCOMING ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING AND TO ECONOMIC MATTERS. SECURITY QUESTIONS HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED.

3. AT THIS POINT, PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY ANAND VOLUNTEERED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON LEE'S VISIT WHICH MADE IT CLEAR THAT

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SECURITY MATTERS HAD IN FACT BEEN DISCUSSED. HE DEPICTED LEE

AS HAVING DONE A COMPLETE ABOUT-FACE IN HIS VIEWS ON REGIONAL SECURITY. ACCORDING TO ANAND, HE NO LONGER FAVORED RETENTION OF U.S. FORCES IN THAILAND, WAS NO LONGER CONCERNED WITH THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS, AND PRESSED THE THAI TO "WORK ON" INDONESIA TO STOP PRESSING FOR A DIRECT SECURITY ROLE FOR ASEAN. ANAND ADDED THAT LEE AND THE THAI HAD AGREED THAT ASEAN SHOULD CONFINE ITSELF TO ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL MATTERS, THOUGH IN A DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE JANUARY 21 LEE SAID IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF ASEAN MEMBERS TO MOVE IN STAGES TO COOPERATE ON FOREIGN POLICY AND INTELLIGENCE MATTERS "AND BEYOND."

4. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM THE CHARGE AS TO WHAT ITEMS THAILAND WOULD BE PURSUING AT THE ASEAN SUMMIT, CHATCHAI SAID THE THAI WOULD SEEK TO HAVE THE SUMMIT ADDRESS THE FOOD/FERTILIZER PROBLEM. DESPITE PLAYING DOWN A SECURITY ROLE FOR ASEAN, HE WILL PROBABLY ALSO RAISE HIS DESIRE FOR OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS TO BUY ARMAMENTS FROM FACTORIES IN THAILAND.
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